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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

OBJECTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO POPKIN INTERROGATORY DBP/USPS-10c (March 13, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby objects to interrogatory DBP/USPS–10c, filed on March 3, 2000. This interrogatory requests detailed operational specifics regarding the "method that is utilized by the Postal Service to process Priority Mail" for each of 4 scenarios, which vary with respect to whether the origin and/or destination of the mail is in a PMPC area. The Postal Service objects that the operational information sought is at a level of disaggregation such that it bears little relevance to the aggregate Priority Mail costs and revenues at issue in this case, which do not depend on whether particular mail originating from or destinating to a PMPC is handled in a particular way. For this reason, the Postal Service objects to providing this information.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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